

REMARKS

This Amendment is in response to the Office Action mailed January 17, 2006.

At the outset, the undersigned wishes to thank Exr. Jasmin for her time and courtesy during the recent telephone interview of March 22, 2006.

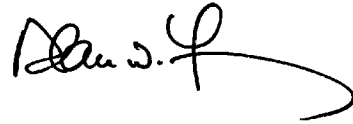
In the Office Action, claims 1-8, 11-27, 37-39, 48-54 and 56-72 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. Reconsideration and withdrawal of these rejections are respectfully requested.

As the Examiner will recall, agreement was reached during the telephone interview that amending the independent claims as shown herein overcomes the outstanding §112(2) rejections, which are the only rejections that remain outstanding in the present application.

Applicants' attorney believes that all claims are allowable as incorporating allowable subject matter and that the present application is now in condition for an early allowance and passage to issue. If any unresolved issues remain, the Examiner is respectfully invited to contact the undersigned attorney of record at the telephone number indicated below, and whatever is required will be done at once.

No fees are believed to be due with this communication, however, the Director is authorized to charge any fees which may be required under 37 C.F.R. §1.16 and §1.17, to Deposit Account No. 15-0635, referencing Docket No. OID-1999-180-01.

Respectfully submitted,



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